

WEEKLY VIEWS

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010

The ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistant Network) program held their spring graduation ceremony at the Indiana Women's Prison. There were 11 IWP offenders that serve as ICAN dog handlers and trainers at which time they presented their 5 ICAN service animals to the 5 designated recipients.

Ann Hubbard, Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) Community Involvement Coordinator, participated in a Career Fair at Maconaquah Middle School. She spoke with students about what it is like to work as a Correctional Officer and other careers available within the Indiana Department of Correction and at MCF.

The Wabash Valley Fatherhood Program has helped make the Shelburn Elementary class trip to St. Louis a reality. During a school assembly Superintendent James Basinger presented a \$1500 check, putting the student fund drive over the top. Without the funds many of the 5th and 6th graders faced being left behind.



The Plainfield Correctional Facility hosted a tour for members of the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, Criminal Law Association. Ten students visited the facility to examine current theories in corrections first hand.

Branchville Correctional Facility had its semi-annual Blood Drive. Thirty-five staff members donated blood. Congratulations to everyone who gave. It is estimated that three lives may be saved for each unit of blood donated, making a total of 105 from this Blood Drive.

Four graduates of the Madison Correctional Facility Cosmetology Nail Program passed their state boards achieving licensing as nail techs within the state of Indiana.

Twenty-two Suicide Companions attended training presented by the Lead Psychologists' and the Mental Health Professionals at the Correctional Industrial Facility.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility held a career day. The offenders learned how to fill out job applications and interview skills.

Miami Correctional Facility's Human Resource Department and Business Office staff recently spent their lunch hours working on fleece blankets to donate to a staff member's children who recently lost their mother. They made three blankets, one for each of child.

Offenders participating in the Dads In/Out program at the Westville Correctional Facility spent a wonderful day making DVDs. These 5 minute presentations by the offenders are messages of love and encouragement and will be sent to the offender's children.



Members of the DePauw University Prison History & Culture class toured the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, supplementing their classroom experience with a hands-on look at a maximum-security prison, including talks with staff and participants of the WVCF PLUS Unit.

Logansport Juvenile Treatment Facility's CLIFF Unit held a graduation for 7 students who successfully completed the program. They have successfully completed 350 hours of programming upon release from the Department. Since its inception in October 2005, the program has graduated 213 students with an 8.21% recidivism rate.

Miami Correctional Facility's Straight talk was in demand this week. The Minimum Housing program went on the road to two Middle Schools in Kokomo with offenders speaking to more than 200 students and school staff. Also, about 30 students came into the facility to listen to the Level 3 Straight Talk Offenders program.

The PLUS Outreach Committee at the Correctional Industrial Facility created Easter cards for Harter House, an Assisted Living Community in Anderson, Indiana.

The "Circle City Fatherhood" organization visited New Castle Correctional Facility and presented a program for the Short Term Offender Program (STOP). The presenters received a standing ovation and the offenders are looking forward to their return.

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." ~ Robert F. Kennedy